

ALL THREE IN LAST 10 MINUTES

Oxford City 2, Wycombe Wanderers 3

FULL marks to Wycombe Wanderers for their amazing fight back, but there was more than an element of luck about the way they scored three times in the last ten minutes of this rousing derby at Oxford City, on Friday night, to burgle both Isthmian League points.

Wanderers must chiefly thank their brilliant former City goalkeeper John Maskell and the experienced Len Worley on the right wing who led City a merry dance when the heat was really on.

There is little doubt that City's tight defensive system would have seen them through to a thoroughly deserved win, but for the tragic, 80th minute gift goal—City's third in successive league games—given away by former Wanderer John Fisher, the home skipper.

Centre forward John Woodley's 30-yard out-of-the-blue rocket in the 67th minute made it 2-0 for City, who had the best of the first half without any luck, and deservedly swept into the lead in the 49th minute through Wiffen. It looked all over.

DANGERMAN

Then it happened. Worley who, like the other dangerman Bates had two men watching him, banged a long one down the middle. Fisher, with time to put it to safety merely trickled the ball on for Samuels to shoot past the irate Shippey who, up to then, had been equal to anything.

Six minutes later, Worley crossed another, Horseman nodded it on and, in a flash, Samuels headed Wycombe level.

With literally only seconds left, Baker banged another down the middle. It reached the unmarked Horseman, who breasted it down and picked his spot from 15 yards.

It was rough justice on City in a rugged, Cup-tie style game. They had the edge in the first half and, were in even greater command for most of the second. It was their feeble finishing and the flying Maskell, who made a handful of magnificent saves, that frustrated them.

Admittedly, Bates saw a 35-yard cannonball freekick bril-

liantly pushed onto the underside of the bar by the diving Shippey in the 28th minute. Shippey also blocked out both Bates and Horseman when they were right through in the second half, during which Morton coolly cleared off the home line.

But, until that final reversal, when City were forced back under the fire of revitalised Wycombe, the home side seemed booked for two very welcome and well-earned points.

Roystone, deputising for injured skipper Bradshaw, did not have a happy evening at full back against the bustling Hutchison.

Of the half backs, Gale faded after a good first half and Rundle was often made to look crude by Woodley, his colleague of last season.

All the forwards except deputy Merrick on the left wing worked enterprisingly on the few occasions they shook off the attentions of City's tight marking.